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Letter dated 18 July 2017 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith information bulletins from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence on the status of implementation of the memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic for the period 15-18 July 2017 (see annex).

I should be grateful if this letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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**Annex to the letter dated 18 July 2017 from the Chargé d'affaires
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United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

**Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of
Defence on the status of implementation of the memorandum on
the creation of de-escalation areas (15 July 2017)**

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, four ceasefire agreements have been signed with the following populated areas:

- Baraghithah (Baraghiti) in Idlib governorate
- Wasitah in Idlib governorate
- Rajalah in Idlib governorate
- Tall al-Agharr in Idlib governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 2,015.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire of 27 February 2016 is unchanged — it is still 153.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

At 0000 hours on 30 December 2016, a ceasefire came into force in accordance with the consolidated agreement on a comprehensive resolution of the Syrian crisis.

The number of Syrian opposition armed groups that have joined the ceasefire regime stands at 65.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the consolidated agreement has reported nine violations: five in Ladhikiyah governorate and four in Damascus governorate.

The Turkish representative office has reported eight violations: seven in Damascus governorate and one in Dar'a governorate.

The Russian representative office has been unable to confirm the eight violations during its investigations of the incidents.

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence on the status of implementation of the memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (16 July 2017)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported six incidents of gunfire: four in Aleppo governorate and two in Ladhikiyah governorate.

The Turkish representative office has reported five violations in the following governorates: three in Damascus, one in Aleppo and one in Dar'a.

Most of the incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the terrorist groups Nusra Front and Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has carried out seven humanitarian operations: six in Aleppo city, where 2.2 tons of food parcels were delivered to the local population; and one in Ladhikiyah governorate, where 0.9 tons of food parcels were delivered to the local population.

The total weight of humanitarian cargo was 3.1 tons.

Humanitarian aid was provided to 966 people.

In total, 1,490 humanitarian operations have been carried out.

During humanitarian operations over the past 24 hours, Russian field medics have provided medical assistance to 274 people.

The United Nations and partners are continuing to provide food, medical, psychological and legal assistance to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic. Work is also still under way to restore infrastructure and provide temporary housing to all those in need.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, seven ceasefire agreements have been signed with populated areas in Homs governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process stands at 2,022.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime have continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs, Idlib and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 228.

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence on the status of implementation of the memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (17 July 2017)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported 10 incidents of gunfire in the following governorates: 5 in Ladhikiyah, 3 in Damascus and 2 in Aleppo.

The Turkish representative office has reported nine violations: six in Damascus governorate and three in Hama governorate.

Most of the incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the terrorist groups Nusra Front and ISIL.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has carried out four humanitarian operations: three in Aleppo city, where 3.6 tons of drinking water were delivered to the local population; and one in Jaba in Quntaytirah governorate, where 1.5 tons of food parcels were delivered to the local population.

The total weight of humanitarian cargo was 5.1 tons.

Humanitarian aid was provided to 1,602 people.

In total, 1,494 humanitarian operations have been carried out.

During humanitarian operations over the past 24 hours, Russian field medics have provided medical assistance to 290 people.

One United Nations humanitarian operation was carried out: the Russian airline Abakan Air parachuted 21 tons of humanitarian cargo near to the city of Dayr-al-Zawr.

The United Nations and partners are continuing to provide food, medical, psychological and legal assistance to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic. Work is also still under way to restore infrastructure and provide temporary housing to all those in need.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, three ceasefire agreements have been signed with populated areas in Idlib governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 2,025.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime have continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs, Idlib and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 228.

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence on the status of implementation of the memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (18 July 2017)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported five incidents of gunfire in Ladhikiyah governorate.

The Turkish representative office has reported four violations in Damascus governorate.

Most of the incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the terrorist groups Nusrah Front and ISIL.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has carried out three humanitarian operations in Aleppo city, where 3.6 tons of drinking water were delivered to the local population.

Humanitarian aid was provided to 1,130 people.

In total, 1,497 humanitarian operations have been carried out.

During humanitarian operations over the past 24 hours, Russian field medics have provided medical assistance to 359 people.

One United Nations humanitarian operation was carried out: the Russian airline Abakan Air parachuted 21 tons of humanitarian cargo near to the city of Dayr-al-Zawr.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, no ceasefire agreements have been signed with populated areas.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process remains unchanged at 2,025.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime have continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs, Idlib and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 228.